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SUBJECT: ZHIVKOV VISIT TO AUSTRIA

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1. AS REPORTED REFTEL, TODOR ZHIVKOV WILL VISIT AUSTRIA
SEPTEMBER 18-21. HIS LAST VISIT TO AUSTRIA WAS FIVE YEARS
AGO. THE AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR HAS STATED THAT THE INVITA-
TION WAS EXTENDED TWO YEARS AGO, TO RECIPROCATE FOR AN
AUSTRIAN VISIT, AND THE BULGARIANS HAD DECIDED TO ACCEPT
THE INVITATION FOR THIS TIME SOME MONTHS AGO.

2. ZHIVKOV WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY SEVERAL GOVERNMENT
LEADERS, INCLUDING FOREIGN MINISTER MLADENOV (WHO PLANS TO
LEAVE FOR THE UNGA IN NEW YORK DIRECTLY FROM VIENNA
SEPTEMBER 21). THE AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR ALSO HAS INDICATED
THAT ON THE OFFICIAL LIST OF THE VISITING PARTY
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MME LYUDMILA ZHIVKOVA, DAUGHTER OF THE PRESIDENT AND CHAIR-
MAN OF THE COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, IS LISTED SECOND IN
PRECEDENCE, EVEN BEFORE POLITBURO MEMBER MLADENOV.

3. ALTHOUGH ZHIVKOV'S ITINERARY HAS NOT YET BEEN ANNOUNCED,
THE AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR STATES THAT IT WILL INCLUDE A VISIT
TO CARINTHIA--WHICH VIENNA IS NOW EMBARRASSED MAY BE TAKEN

IN SOME QUARTERS AS A COUNTER TO THE HUA VISIT TO
YUGOSLAVIAN MACEDONIA, ALTHOUGH THE ITINERARY HAD BEEN
SET WELL BEFORE THE HUA VISIT AND WITHOUT THAT CONSIDERATION
IN MIND.
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